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In re patent application of

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For: WORM SHAFT MOVABLE AMOUNT ADJUSTMENT METHOD,  
WORM SHAFT MOVABLE AMOUNT ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS  
AND ELASTIC SUPPORT ASSEMBLY FOR ELECTRIC POWER  
STEERING APPARATUS

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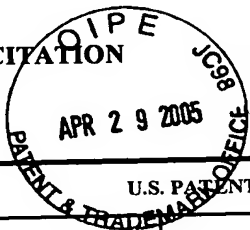
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